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MDOC BUDGET COMPLETED

The fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 Corrections budget has been approved by the Michigan Legislature and awaits a signature by Governor Rick Snyder, making it law. The bill includes an appropriation of \$1.96 billion which is nearly \$71 million less than the FY 2010-11 budget. Significant items in the budget include:

- Privatization of food service and prison stores, saving \$13.25 million;
- Early retirement savings of \$8.8 million;
- Consolidation of Lieutenant positions, saving \$8.5 million;
- Span-of-Control reductions to Central Office in an effort to reduce supervisory staff, saving \$6 million;
- Closure of Florence Crane and Muskegon correctional facilities with a full-year savings of \$56.8 million;

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NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES THE HELM

On June 1, 2011, Daniel H. Heyns became the ninth Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Director Heyns follows Director Richard M. McKeon who served as Director since January 2, 2011.



New Director Daniel H. Heyns

Director Heyns brings with him a new Executive Policy Team. Mr. McKeon will continue for an indefinite period as a Special Advisor to Director Heyns. Correctional Facilities Administration Deputy Director Dennis Straub will also continue to serve at the discretion of Director Heyns. Additionally, Russell Marlan and Barry Wickman will continue in their respective positions.

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- Reduction in the inmate housing fund of \$79.2 million and re-investment of \$47.9 million into the Cost-Effective Housing Initiative to house prisoners as cost efficiently as possible including the establishment of a public-private partnership for housing approximately 1,750 prisoners. Savings of \$31.3 million are expected;
- Privatization of Special Alternative Incarceration Program, saving \$1 million;
- Reduction in prisoner education, saving \$3.6 million;
- \$470,300 in funding for new custody staff training;
- \$10 million in restricted revenue generated through payments by recipients who use the public works program; and
- Miscellaneous changes resulting in \$11.26 million in savings.



Boilerplate language in the bill includes efforts to find savings, reduce expenditures, and report findings in certain areas including:

- Encouraging the Department to sell, rent or otherwise repurpose closed correctional facilities;
- Reporting on long-term vacancies within the Department;
- Encouraging the Department to maintain a ratio of 5 employees to one supervisor in Central Office and the Northern and Southern Region offices;

- Reinvesting funds into re-entry programming established and supported by faith-based organizations;
- \$250,000 to the Corrections Legislative Ombudsman for oversight activities;
- \$500,000 from County Jail Reimbursement Program funding to support a “swift-and-sure” sanction pilot program;
- DNA testing for probationers and prisoners housed at Special Alternative Incarceration;
- Reporting expenditures on psychotropic medications including details on any changes to the Department’s drug formularies and progress in complying with the Auditor General’s report on pharmaceutical policies;
- Encouraging the Department to contract with local governments for continuation of public works programs;
- Quarterly reports on assaultive and sex offender program enrollment and waiting lists;
- Exploring public-private partnerships, utilizing private facilities and recently closed facilities to house prisoners in the most cost-efficient manner possible;
- Economic adjustments of \$58.3 million for retirement costs, worker’s compensation, and fuel and utility costs; and
- Contracting with a Michigan-based company for the procurement of drug testing services in correctional facilities.

F.Y.I. will continue providing information related to the budget as it becomes available.

**NEW ADMINISTRATION** (Continued from page 1)

New additions to the Executive Policy Team include Field Operations Administration (FOA) veteran Charles Sinclair who takes over as the Deputy Director of FOA and replaces John Rubitschun, who retired June 1.

Randy Treacher has been named as the Deputy Director of the Operations Support Administration and will also assume the duties of the Administrator of the Office of Legal Affairs until that position is filled. Randy brings with him a wealth of fiscal management and personnel services experience from his prior position as Jackson County Administrator. Randy replaces Gary Manns, who will become the Administrator for the Office of New Employee Training and Professional Development.

Tom Finco will be the Assistant to the Director for Special Projects. Tom has an extensive background in managing criminal justice agencies, including tenure as a Post Commander for the Michigan State Police, Director of Public Safety for Blackman Township and Undersheriff for the Jackson County Office of the Sheriff.

Finally, as part of a functional reorganization, the following transfers were effective June 1:

- The Internal Affairs Division moved from the Operations Support Administration and report directly to the Director;
- The Office of Community Alternatives moved from the Executive Bureau to the Field Operations Administration; and
- The Office of Research and Planning has been reassigned to the Operations Support Administration.

Director Heyns is looking forward to working with all MDOC employees as we rise to the challenges and opportunities which lay ahead.

## **MDOC CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER SELECTED AS PEER REVIEWER**



Dr. Jeffrey Stieve, the Chief Medical Officer for the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) has been asked to be a peer reviewer, providing feedback on UpToDate, a physician's resource used by the MDOC and Prison Health Services on a daily basis. The resource is available at each on-site health care unit throughout the Department. UpToDate is a nationally recognized and widely used resource that helps physicians see the latest and greatest research on almost any topic. It also provides current research about treatment successes and failures, etc., so doctors can make the best informed decisions about when and how to treat various conditions/situations.

Dr. Stieve was chosen to be a peer reviewer in the area of correctional health based on several encounters he had with UpToDate where he was seeking more information or asking for clarification on existing information. Being chosen as a peer reviewer is a significant achievement for Dr. Stieve and demonstrates the level of quality and competence he brings to the Department's Bureau of Health Care Services.



**RE-ENTRY ROUNDTABLE:  
SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS &  
BETTER CITIZENS**

*Re-Entry Roundtable is a continuing column that provides news, facts, and program successes within the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative.*

**BERRIEN MPRI PAVES THE WAY TO SUCCESS!**

The Berrien MPRI has had several success stories, but there are two stories that stand out from the rest. With so many individuals in the MPRI program reaching new heights once they arrive home, it is hard to focus on just one. We have decided to focus on two stories that have been major successes even though they took different paths to succeed.

In December 2009, Rhiannon returned home and faced adversity with finding employment. While spending most of her time during the day job seeking at local businesses to find employment, she became frustrated with the lack of results, but she never gave up! She knew that if given a chance she would be very successful, but she didn't know when that opportunity would present itself. While working hard to find employment, eventually the Roadhouse Grill in Paw Paw, Michigan hired her as a full-time cook! Within two hours after her interview she started her first shift on the job. Knowing that she only had two hours, she contacted Van Buren County Parole Office and Parole Agent Susan Rondeau to inform them of the good news that she was hired. Without much time, she needed the help of Agent Rondeau to put in a request to get some work clothes for her first shift. Her request was granted and she received some work clothes for work that day. With her first couple paychecks from the Roadhouse Grill, she was able to save enough money to put a down payment on an apartment. Rhiannon has been on the job for six months and is also enrolled in the fall semester at Kalamazoo Valley Community College where she will be studying business and psychology.

Also in December 2009, Brian returned home and he hit the ground running. The MPRI workforce development team assisted Brian in finding employment with Property Management Systems in Kalamazoo working in the maintenance department where he is a big part of their team. While working hard and keeping the complex up and running, he has earned the respect of his supervisor. Brian is often given assignments where he is the sole person on the project or is given the responsibility to be the leader on other assignments. Brian is also the maintenance person for the apartment complex where he lives. This is a part-time position where Brian receives free rent for fixing and maintaining the nine apartment units. Brian will be enrolled at Lake Michigan College in the fall semester and he will be taking classes to receive a certification in Heating and Air Conditioning installation and repair. Brian was also a panel member for the MPRI Advisory Council Town Hall meeting on April 1, 2011 and did an excellent job telling his story

and explaining how success is the responsibility of each individual person. He also stressed that by having MPRI services waiting for him when he came home, it really helped him with an early jump start towards his success.

With the help of MPRI services, Rhiannon and Brian were able to succeed when they returned to the community. Both of them are making positive strides by bettering their education and maintaining steady employment.

*F.Y.I. would like to thank MPRI Community Coordinator Todd Berger of Berrien County for submitting this article.*



*From Left: Cass/Van Buren County Parole Supervisor Carl Butler, Rhiannon, Brian and Van Buren County Parole Agent Susan Rondeau.*



## FLORENCE CRANE AND MUSKEGON CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CLOSE WITHOUT INCIDENT

It was a bittersweet moment as employees at Florence Crane (ACF) and Muskegon (MCF) correctional facilities escorted the last few remaining prisoners to awaiting transportation vehicles. Both facilities had been open over 25 years and had very experienced and veteran staff - many of whom had never worked elsewhere. Florence Crane closed as a result of Michigan's declining prisoner population, which has been trending downward since May 2007. In the past year, nearly 1,000 beds were shuttered throughout the system, enough to close one entire facility. After careful consideration of many factors, ACF was identified as the facility to be closed. MCF actually housed Pennsylvania prisoners, the result of a contract agreement between the two states to supervise Pennsylvania prisoners in Michigan because of overcrowded conditions in the Pennsylvania system. Once all of the prisoners returned to Pennsylvania, the facility was again slated for closure.



*Florence Crane Correctional Facility*



*Muskegon Correctional Facility*

ACF opened in April 1985 after being converted to a prison from a state mental health facility. During its operational life, the prison housed women for several years, then housed men, including a geriatric population. The facility gained notoriety for hosting the Second Chance at Life greyhound rehabilitation program and a training and adoption program for area shelter dogs.

MCF opened in August 1974 and actually closed in early 2010, only to re-open after Pennsylvania and Michigan agreed on a contract to house Pennsylvania prisoners at the facility. The contract was short-lived, however, as Pennsylvania found room in their prison system, leaving Muskegon Correctional Facility vacant again.

The Department is committed to closing facilities when it is fiscally responsible to do

so, and continues to market vacant facilities to other entities public and private that may be interested.

## OUTLOOK MIGRATION COMING SOON!

On June 5, 2011, Central Office staff will begin the migration to MS Outlook. Facilities have already started the process. To support this migration, DTMB has created an intranet Web site called SharePoint located at:

<http://inside.michigan.gov/sites/dtmb/is/pmo/GWtoOutlook/DOCGWtoOutlook/default.aspx>

This Web site can only be accessed while logged into the server and provides the most up-to-date and complete information related to the roll-out plans, progress, and documentation. Staff is encouraged to visit the site regularly to receive updates and read training documentation and pre and post migration materials for Outlook 2003. Additional Outlook 2003 training information can be found in DAS. As part of this migration, staff's archived e-mails, their e-mail box folders and current GroupWise inbox e-mails will be migrated to Outlook 2003. However, staff is cautioned to reduce the size of their e-mail archive to **500 mb or less** to guard against their archives being corrupted and lost during the migration to Outlook.



**MACOMB CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
RACES FOR THE CURE**



Macomb Correctional Facility (MRF) employees raised \$1,135 which was a combined total generated from donations and registration fee's for the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure. The event took place on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at



Comerica Park in Downtown Detroit. The money was raised during a staff luncheon event held at the facility on Thursday, April 14, 2011. Twenty MRF employees and their family members participated in the 5k walk to support the cause.



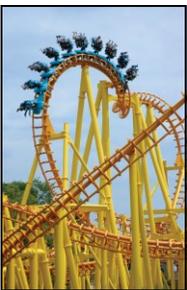
**YARN DRIVE NETS PLENTY OF SUPPORT  
FROM KENT COUNTY PAROLE OFFICE**

To assist with the 2011 Lake County Residential ReEntry Program (LCRRP) yarn drive, the Kent County Parole Office elected to utilize one month's "Jean Day" Fund, along with a substantial individual contribution from Mary Smith to purchase yarn. Kent County Parole is honored to be a part of the women's efforts at LCRRP to provide much needed blankets, scarves, hats, mittens and baby items to several local charities, domestic violence shelters and Luther Lions. Keep up the great work and thanks to everyone involved!



*From Left: Mary Smith and Janell Freeman*

**ENJOY SUMMER FUN AT DISCOUNTED RATES**



Michigan's Adventure in Muskegon will be celebrating "American Heroes Week" from June 13 - June 19, 2011 for Michigan's public safety employees. Corrections, law enforcement, fire/EMS, and military employees who show their employee ID at the ticket office, will receive the special discounted admission price of \$20 per person (\$6 off per person) for the employee and their family during "American Heroes Week." Michigan's Adventure is a theme park and water park just north of Muskegon off U.S. 31 and boasts one of the longest wooden roller coasters in the United States as well as a new and improved water park area.

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**RETIREMENTS - MARCH AND APRIL 2011**



**March 2011**

Awe, Martin L. ....	Field Operations – Metro Region
Baker, Peter V. ....	Newberry Correctional Facility
Bell, Robbin .....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Bonno, Douglas L. ....	Ojibway Correctional Facility
Carstensen, Martin D. ....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Clark, Geraldine .....	Ryan Correctional Facility
Dalrymple, Marsha L. ....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Derosie, Todd W. ....	Marquette Branch Prison
Gorzenski, David C. ....	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Hoenes, Randy N. ....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Jones, Diane .....	Egeler Correctional Facility
Jones, Ricky .....	Michigan State Industries
Lafler, Blaine C. ....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Mohon, Gregory L. ....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Mosher, Joseph J. ....	Ernest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Neighbors, Bonita D. ....	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Quann, Christine L. ....	Michigan State Industries
Ray, Charles B. ....	Mound Correctional Facility
Reul, Charles G. ....	CFA Southern Region
Roberts, Terry F. ....	Alger Correctional Facility
Schester, David A. ....	Oaks Correctional Facility
Waldron, Mark A. ....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Ward, Sharon L. ....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Watson, Tonya .....	Mound Correctional Facility
Wolcott, Christine M. ....	Carson City Correctional Facility

**April 2011**

Andres, Laurence D. ....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Arrendondo, Raul .....	Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility
Baker, Roger P. ....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Barnard, Thomas .....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Barrett, Robert V. ....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Binns, Jeffrey D. ....	Field Operations – Outstate Region
Bowman, Mark L. ....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center

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Bradshaw, Bradley J. ....	Field Operations – Outstate Region
Brighton, Mark P. ....	Alger Correctional Facility
Bykowski, David C. ....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Cattron, Richard D. ....	Marquette Branch Prison
Clarke, Joanne E. ....	Marquette Branch Prison
Dama, John P. ....	Central Office
Edlin, Thomas F. ....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Elmblad, Gerald ....	Central Office
English, Mark S. ....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Foley, Ronald ....	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Fountain, Douglas F. ....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Fraye, Jeffrey A. ....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Gravelle, William F. ....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Hadfield, Joseph O. ....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Hainstock, William M. ....	Oaks Correctional Facility
Haire, William R. ....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Landrum, Ernest V. ....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Merry, Patrick G. ....	Thumb Correctional Facility
O'Brien, Mary L. ....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Paquette, Allen B. ....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Pascoe, Craig C. ....	Marquette Branch Prison
Perras, Garnet J. ....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Ripper, Barry ....	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Sanney, Darrell ....	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Scott, Maurice S. ....	Mound Correctional Facility
Sharon, Elby R. ....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Sibert, Bruce G. ....	Central Office
Smith, Brenda ....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Switzer, Marilynn S. ....	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Thomas, Dean M. ....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Waters, David S. ....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Wylie, David A. ....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility



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**FOA Deputy Director John Rubitschun shared some final thoughts on his last day:**

*"I want to thank everyone for all of your help over the years to me personally, and to Field Operations Administration. The MDOC is a top shelf professional operation. You exemplify all that public servants are supposed to represent. I have been enriched immensely by my association with you. Your service to the public is unmatched! I will think of you often but it will likely be while I am on the beach, waiting for the group in front of me to hit, or while I am walking or biking. Take care and keep up the good work!" - John*

